



State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE
POLICY AND PROGRAMS

To: Units of Local Government and
Non-Profit Homeless Providers

From: Margaret Gibson, OEO Senior Program Manager for ESG

Date: February 15, 2007

**Re: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)
Emergency Shelter Grants Program
Estimated Budget Available: \$1,496,392**

The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) is soliciting applications for the Program Year 2008 Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program. ESG is a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant authorized under the 1988 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. According to the Act, the State may make grants to Units of Local Government and Non-Profit, 501(c)3, Organizations that have certification from their Unit of Local Government to carry out the duties of the grant. ESG funds may be used for the following purposes:

- to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless;
- to help make available additional emergency shelters;
- to help meet the cost of operating emergency shelters;
- to provide certain essential services to homeless individuals so that these persons have access to a safe and sanitary shelter; and
- to alleviate the problem of homelessness through the funding of preventive services and activities, and the provision of financial assistance to those "at risk" of becoming homeless.

All grant funds will be awarded through a competitive process. The maximum award an agency can apply for the PY is \$50,000.

Organizations interested in applying for funds must submit a complete application package in compliance with the requirements stipulated in the Request for Applications (RFA) package (enclosed on compact disk) to the OEO no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2007.

Additionally, the RFA package can be found on OEO's website located at <http://www.oep.sc.gov/oep/forms.htm>.

Complete applications should be forwarded to:

SC Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
1205 Pendleton Street, Room 361
Columbia, SC 29201

Only applications that fully adhere to the RFA and are received on or before April 14, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. will be considered responsive. Faxed applications are not allowable. Post marks will not be considered.

A pre-award workshop to orient prospective applicants on the various program components and the application procedures has been scheduled as follows:

Event: ESG Pre-Award Workshop

Date: February 29, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Location: The Edgar Brown Building
2nd Floor, Room 252
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Units of Local Government are encouraged to circulate this information to all homeless providers within their jurisdiction.

The OEO has reserved thirty parking spaces for workshop attendees in the parking lot located on the corner of Assembly and Pendleton streets (diagonally across from Wachovia Bank). These spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see attachment for the list of specific parking space numbers.

All questions pertaining to the program will be addressed during the workshop. However, if you have any other questions or require additional information, please contact me at (803)734-1266, Serdaria Bouknight at (803)734-0390, or Ashlie Lancaster at (803) 734-0425.

Enclosure

c: Ashlie Lancaster, OEO Director
Serdaria Bouknight, OEO Program Coordinator
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Available Parking Spaces for the Pre-Award Workshop on February 29, 2008

Lot is located on the corner of Assembly and Pendleton streets (diagonally across from Wachovia Bank). Please note that **only** the below listed spaces have been made available:

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